GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:41
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BACKLOG OF RESERVED POSTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether `backlog/carried forward vacancies` reserved for SCs, STs and OBCs are required to be treated as a `separate and distinct group` as provided under Article 16(4)B of the Constitution to overcome 50% ceiling limit on vacancies to be reserved in an year;

(b) if so, the details of `backlog/carried forward vacancies` ascertained as per para 5 of the DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt: (Res.) dated July 2, 1997 in respect of (1) SCs, (2) STs and OBCs in Group A, B, C and D categories of services as on August 29, 1997 in the Ministry of Steel when Special Recruitment Drives etc. meant for filling such vacancies were stopped;

(c) the details of such carried forward vacancies filled during each of the last four years and those which remain unfilled; and

(d) the details of fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved classes in all categories of posts during the last four years as per `post based rosters`?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Yes, Sir. The ceiling of 50% on filling up of reserved vacancies would apply only on the reserved vacancies which arise in the current year and the backlog/carried forward reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes of earlier years would be treated as a separate and distinct group and would not be subject to any ceiling as per DOPT`s O.M. No.36012/5/97-Estt.(Res.)-Vol.I dated 20.7.2000. This however, does not apply to the other Backward Classes.

(b) Para (5) of the DOPT`s OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt: (Res.) dated 2.7.1997 only deals with the adjustment of existing appointments in the new post based rosters and other guidelines for operating these rosters. Details of backlog of vacancies in the Ministry of Steel as on 29.8.1997 are given in the statement below:

Group of post	Schedule Caste	Scheduled Tribe
Group A	-	-
Group B	-	1
Group C	1	-
Group D	-	-

In the attached office of Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Kolkata, there is no backlog of vacancies for reservation for SCs and STs.

(c) The DOPT have clarified that the reserved vacancies are to be determined afresh on the basis of post-based revised rosters and are to be carried forward for future adjustments. And

(d) Details of fresh vacancies/posts accrued to reserved groups in all categories of posts during the four years from 1997 to 2000 as per post-based rosters are given below:

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Sl.No.	Name of group of post	1997	1998	1999	2000

1	Group `A`	-	-	-
2	Group `B`	1 (OBC)	-	1 (OBC) 1 (ST)
3	Group `C`	1 (SC)	2 (1-ST and 1-OBC)	
4	Group `D`	4(SC)	4 (SC-3 and OBC-1)	4 (SC-3 and OBC-1)

As regards the attached office of M/o Steel, viz., Organisation of the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Kolkata no appointments have been made because of the on-going downsizing of the organization`s manpower.